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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report dated April 1, 2008, in connection with a corresponding European patent application, together with copies of the documents cited therein. Also enclosed is a copy of Great Britain Patent Document No. 1,289,156, which is a patent family member of the cited French Patent Document No. 2002713. Further enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a Final rejection or any other action closing prosecution on the merits. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(c), the following Statement is made under 37 CFR 1.97(e):

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any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed Supplementary European Search Report, and/or by the English-language family patent member of French Patent Document No. 2022713, as mentioned previously.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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